

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yasushi SUGAYA

Application No. 09/678,734

Confirmation No. 6738

Filed: October 4, 2000

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS, OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER, AND
OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD



Group Art Unit: 3663

Examiner: Hellner, Mark

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on March 9, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. 1460.1010
Application Number 09/678,734
Filing Date October 4, 2000
First Named Inventor Yasushi SUGAYA
Group Art Unit 3663
Examiner Name Hellner, Mark

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

172.00

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	- 24 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	- 4 =	2	X \$ 86.00 =	172.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of March 9, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 172.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$ 172.00

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.

19-3935

Deposit Account Name

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Typed Name Douglas X. Rodriguez

Reg. No. 47,269

Signature

Douglas X. Rodriguez

Date

03/09/04